



# hit and run

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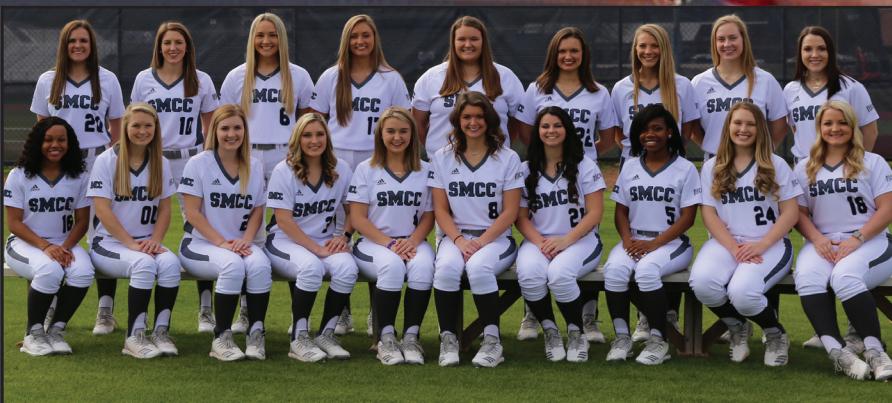
A band of bright young women came together to form the Lady Bears team for their upcoming season. Fourth-year Head Coach Shea Johnson was joined in the dugout by Hannah Price, first season assistant coach and former William Carey University standout. The Lady Bears consisted of twelve new freshmen and seven sophomores, and the new brood of young blood was much appreciated by everyone. The uncertain expectations of people on and off campus were answered when the Lady Bears took instantaneous victories at the start of their season.

The season opened with multiple double-headers, and the team took home victory against the Baton Rouge Community College Bears 3-1 and 7-2. This home sweep truly set the stage for the remainder of the Lady Bears' softball season.

"We had a very good fall season," Head Coach Johnson said, "and played competitive against some four-year schools and beat the schools we're supposed to beat. So, with the transition from fall to now, the cohesion of the team and the direction it's going, I believe we have got good things in store."

A continuation of the team's success was seen when they took home yet another victory against Coastal Alabama Community College. The Lady Bears won 14-7 against the Sun Chiefs, a crushing victory that was well deserved by the team of united women who dedicated much of their lives to the beloved sport.

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above: Tia Bussey, Josey Nations, Scottie Metrejean, Devin Frierson, Bailey Sartin, Linley Smith, Madison Gower, Tyranesha Davis, Jade Latham, Jordan McNabb; second row: Ryleigh McManus, Terrah Nelson, Allie Hunt, Kalyn Chemin, Madison Newman, Makennah Redd, Jami Spears, Carrington Jefcoat, Kailyn Jordan; opposite page: Jade Latham fires a strike; top left: Tyranesha Davis throws the ball to the infield; top right: Terrah Nelson nails the runner at first; right: Ryleigh McManus hurls the softball to the catcher.